

While I have no objection to re-allocation of the Novice CW sub-bands and streamlining the license classes to only 3, I do strongly disagree with the proposed upgrade of Technician and Technician Plus licensees to General without further testing. There are important safety related subjects covered in the current General written test that operators need to know that are not now covered in the Technician class written test. Additionally, I strongly disagree with the proposal to eliminate the Morse testing requirement for General class applicants. I propose retaining the CW testing requirement for General and Extra class applicants and raising the standard to 8 WPM and 13 WPM respectively.

Sincerely,
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